

THE ASSASSINATION.

Evidence of the Assistant Secretary of War, Major Eckhart, General Hamilton and Others.

ACCUMULATION OF TESTIMONY.

The Rebel Leaders Involved in the Plot.

Suppression of More Important Evidence.

Associated Press Report.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 20, 1865.

TESTIMONY OF ASSISTANT-SECRETARY OF WAR.

The first witness examined to-day was Assistant-Secretary of War Dana, as follows:

Q. State what position you occupy under the Government?

A. I am Assistant-Secretary of War.

Q. Look at the instrument before you and state if you have ever seen it before?

A. I have seen it before. It is a copy of the instrument which was in the hands of the Rebel Secretary of State, in the Richmond, and was in his office, when it was found, and I brought it away with me, rather, I sent it to Major Eckhart of the War Department, and he has since been looking at it, and as this seemed to be interesting I took it away.

Q. Did you find it in a trunk?

A. No, sir; Benjamin's office consisted of a series of three or four rooms—I think four—Benjamin's personal office being the innermost of all; this was in the room next to his, occupied by his confidential secretary or assistant; most of the articles had been taken away, the record had been taken away, but I found several interesting documents, and among them this.

Q. Was it immediately on your arrival on the second day?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you personally acquainted with Dr. Mudd?

A. I have been for two years and five months, before that I had no personal acquaintance with him.

Q. State whether or not you saw him on the day following the assassination?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. State what hour you arrived there on that day?

A. I went an advance guard of four men; they arrived there twenty minutes or half an hour before I did.

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NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, MONDAY, MAY 22, 1865.

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